GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue - Prohibition and Excise – AP Excise (Grant of License of selling by Shop and conditions of license) Rules, 2024 – Introduction of Permit Rooms – Amendment – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.273 **Dated:12.08.2025**

Read the following:

1. GO Rt. No.582, Revenue (Excise) Department, Dated 29-08-2024.
2. GO Ms. No.210, Revenue (Excise) Department, Dated 30-09-2024.
3. GO Ms. No.211, Revenue (Excise) Department, Dated 30-09-2024
4. From the Director, Excise & Prohibition, AP, e-office file No: REV04-15023/189/2025-E-COPE (Comp.No.2909112) along with letter Cr.No.15023/185/2025/CPE/E3, Dated: 20.07.2025.

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ORDER:

The Government have reviewed the Excise policy interventions for the period 2019-2024. In the reference 1st read above Cabinet Sub Committee has been appointed for recommending draft comprehensive Excise policy on retail trade, pricing of liquor and taxation. After considering the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub Committee the Government have issued Excise Policy on retailing vide reference 3rd read above and also issued Rules governing administration of A4 Shops in the State in the reference 2nd read above.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Director, Excise and Prohibition has reported that a total number of 3736 A4 shops including 340 reserved shops have been notified and disposed of. However, no provision has been made in the Rules issued vide reference 2nd read above, allowing permit rooms for the A4 shops. It is further reported that in the absence of Permit Rooms, the menace of consumption of liquor in public places is alarmingly continuing causing inconvenience to the public in general and to woman folk in particular. It is noticed that the consumers are resorting to consumption of liquor on pavements, nearby shops, parks, vacant agricultural field, road margins, etc. leading to wide criticism.

3. It is further reported that that a total of 2,77,549 cases of public drinking have been booked since June 2024 till 30th June, 2025 combinedly by Police as well as Excise Department.

4. It is also informed that the Permit Room is a licensed facility adjacent to an A4 liquor shop where customers may consume liquor purchased in sealed bottles from that shop. It ensures a highly regulated setting for responsible consumption of liquor avoiding the scope for unauthorized consumption of liquor in public places. The Permit Room was mandatory till September 2019 and the licence fee for permit room was Rs.5.00 Lakhs per annum. This ensured avoidance of liquor consumption in public places while contributing additional revenue to the State exchequer.

5. The matter has been placed before the Cabinet Sub Committee, which after detailed discussions, has recommended to allow permit rooms adjacent to all A4 Shops.

6. Accordingly, the Director, Excise and Prohibition has submitted the proposal in the reference 4th read above for allowing Permit Rooms adjacent to all A4 shops duly making amendments to the AP Excise (Grant of License of selling by Shop and conditions of license) Rules, 2024.

7. The Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to allow Permit Rooms adjacent to all A4 shops in the State and accordingly amend the relevant Rules.

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8. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 12th August, 2025.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 72 read with Sections 17, 28 and 29 of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 (Andhra Pradesh Act 17 of 1968) and by Section 12 read with Sections 6 and 7 of the Andhra Pradesh (Regulation of Trade in Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Foreign Liquor) Act, 1993 (Andhra Pradesh Act 15 of 1993), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to AP Excise (Grant of License of selling by Shop and conditions of license) Rules, 2024.

Amendment

1) In Rule 2 after (s), a new sub rule (ss) shall be inserted.

Rule 2 (ss)

"Permit Room" means a privilege granted under these rules in Form A-4(B) to a holder of Licence in Form A-4 to allow consumption of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor in a separate permitted premises adjacent to the A4 licensed premises by the customers who purchased such Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor from the A-4 Licensee.

2) In Rule 23, after the words "form A-4" the words "and for the Permit Room in form A-4(B)" shall be inserted.

3) The following new Rule 24-A (Permit Room) shall be inserted after Rule 24;

Rule 24-A(Permit Room)

(1) The holder of Licence in Form A-4 shall obtain a licence in Form A-4(B) to have a Permit Room on payment of applicable Retail Excise Tax.

(2) The holder of Licence in Form A-4 shall apply in Form A-4(A) for grant of licence for Permit Room.

(3) The premises selected for Permit Room shall be adjacent to the existing A-4 Shop licensed premises for consumption of liquor with facilities of sanitation, handwash and drinking water and its plinth area shall not exceed 1000 sft.

(4) No kitchen shall be allowed in the Permit Room, but ready to eat snacks shall be permitted.

(5) The holder of A-4 (B) License shall not be permitted to serve liquor in loose to the consumers.

(6) The restrictions on the selection of premises for A4 Shop as laid down in Rule 24 shall be applicable to the Permit Room premises.

(7) The licensee of the Permit Room shall allow consumption of liquor in the Permit Room during the hours of business of A4 Shop licence only.

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(8) (i) The Retail Excise Tax for Permit Room licence shall be as detailed below:

Retail Excise Tax slab for A4 Shops	Retail Excise Tax (in Rs) per annum for Permit Room Licence
For A4 shops with RET up to Rs.55 Lakhs	Rs.5,00,000
For A4 shops with RET Rs.65- 85 Lakhs	Rs.7,50,000

(ii) The annual Retail Excise Tax for the permit room licence shall be paid in one lumpsum.

Provided that the annual Retail Excise Tax for the Permit Room licence granted after the commencement of licence period shall be collected proportionately for the remaining part of the licencing year. Part of the month shall be treated as a full month for this purpose.

Provided further that the annual Retail Excise Tax for the Permit Room for the licence year 2025-26 shall be collected on or before 10th of November, 2025.

(9) The Application in Form A-4 (A)and Permit Room licence in Form- A-4 (B) shall be inserted after the format FORM A-4(AG) in the Rules.

FORM A-4 (A)
(See Rule 24-A)

Application for grant of privilege in Form A-4(B) for Permit Room for consumption of Indian Made Foreign Liquor/Foreign Liquor

[Affix requisite value as per the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act, 1889, as amended from time to time]

1. Name of the applicant:
2. Full residential address:
3. Details of A-4 Licence:
   a) Name of the Licence
   b) Licence No. etc.,
   c) Period for which the licence is valid
4. Details of premises to be licensed (boundaries of the premises are to be specified and building plan of the proposed premises in triplicate shall be enclosed.)
5. Details of other licences held by him
6. Date on which he can commence business
7. The amount of Retail Excise Tax paid (Treasury challan to be enclosed)

I hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If at a later stage any of the facts are found to be false the licence may be cancelled and I may be prosecuted as per provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 or the rules made thereunder.

I, hereby, undertake to abide by the rules and licence conditions prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968.

Signature of the Applicant

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FORM A-4 (B)
(See rule 24-A)

Number of licence: Date:

District :

Licence for Permit Room adjacent to A-4 shop for permitting consumption of Indian Made Foreign Liquor / Foreign Liquor.

I, …….. District Proh & Excise Officer, …… District, in consideration of the payment of Retail Excise Tax for Permit Room of Rs. ……. (Rupees …….. Only), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and hereby issue licence to Sri……(name and address), Licensee of A-4 shop M/s. ……,bearing licence no……) permitting the premises bearing no. ……., the details of which are shown below, for the purpose of consumption of Indian Made Foreign Liquor / Foreign Liquor purchased from his A-4 shop.

BOUNDARIES

Locality ……Village/Town during the licence period commencing from the..... and ending with 30th Sep, 20__, subject to following conditions, and stipulations to be observed:

East
West
North
South

Conditions:

1. The Licensee shall be bound by the provisions of the A P Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Shop and conditions of Licence) Rules, 2024 and as amended from time to time and also by the following special conditions.
2. The privilege conferred herein extends only for allowing consumption of Indian Made Foreign Liquor/Foreign Liquor supplied by APSBCL and sold by the A-4 Licensee.
3. The licence is not transferable
4. The licence shall be subject to cancellation or suspension at will by the Commissioner
5. The Licensee shall not act in any manner prejudicial to the interests of the revenues of the Government.

Dated: day of 2025

District Proh & Excise Officer
_____Excise District

9. The Director, Excise and Prohibition shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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The Managing Director, AP State Beverages Corporation Limited, Mangalagiri.

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